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***REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION***

Sir:

This is a request for filing a *continuation* application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior international application number PCT/EP02/13414 filed on November 28, 2002 which designated the United States.

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Title: **CLOSURE DEVICE FOR THE FLUID DELIVERY LINE OF A HIGH-PRESSURE CLEANING APPARATUS**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - 12 pages
(2) Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings, together with transmittal letter
(3) A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the [] filing fee(\$.00) and/or [] Assignment Recordal Fee (\$_____) is enclosed.

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Basic Fee							\$ 770.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (\$260.)							
Foreign Language Surcharge (\$130.)							
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EXTRA	Total Claims	12	20	0	x	\$18.	= \$ 0.00
CLAIMS	Independent Claims	1	3	0	x	\$86.	= \$ 0.00
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 - c. [] Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- (5) [] Small Entity Status

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (6) [] Assignment document
- a. [] Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
 - b. [] Copy from a prior application
 - c. [X] Please include assignee information when this application is published
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- (7) [] Preliminary Amendment
- (8) [] Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter
- (9) [X] Information Disclosure Statement, together with PTO Form 1449 and copies of cited references
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- (12) [X] Application Data Sheet

(13) [] Other:

(14) [X] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**"This application is a continuation of international application number
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(15) [X] This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 101 59 680.4 filed November 30, 2001.

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(17) [X] Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of April 2, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail (No. EV 129898432 US).

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are two (2) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-referenced patent application.

Please advise the undersigned attorney if correction is necessary.

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